



# High Water Emergency Operations, After-Action Report and South Dade Investigations

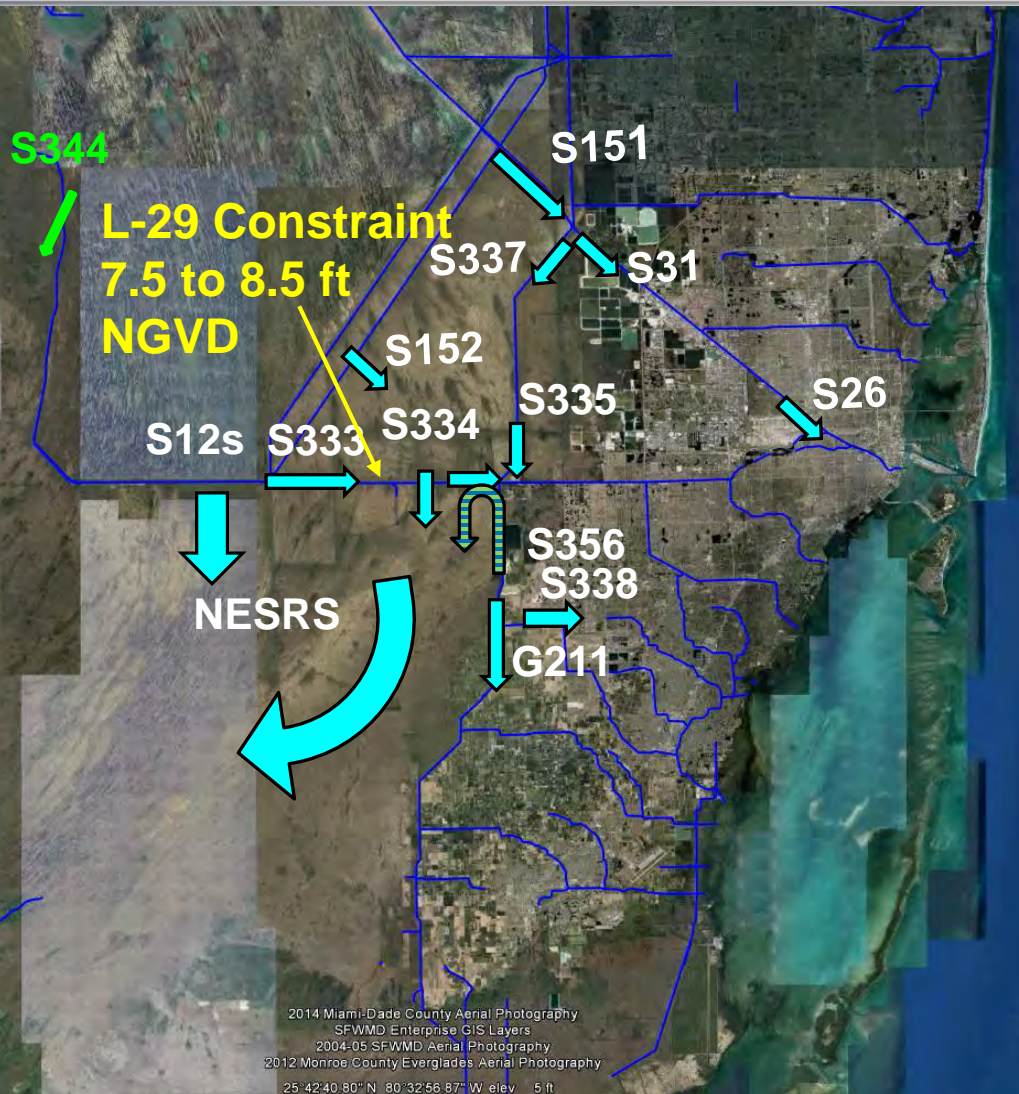
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# **A) WATER OPERATIONS**

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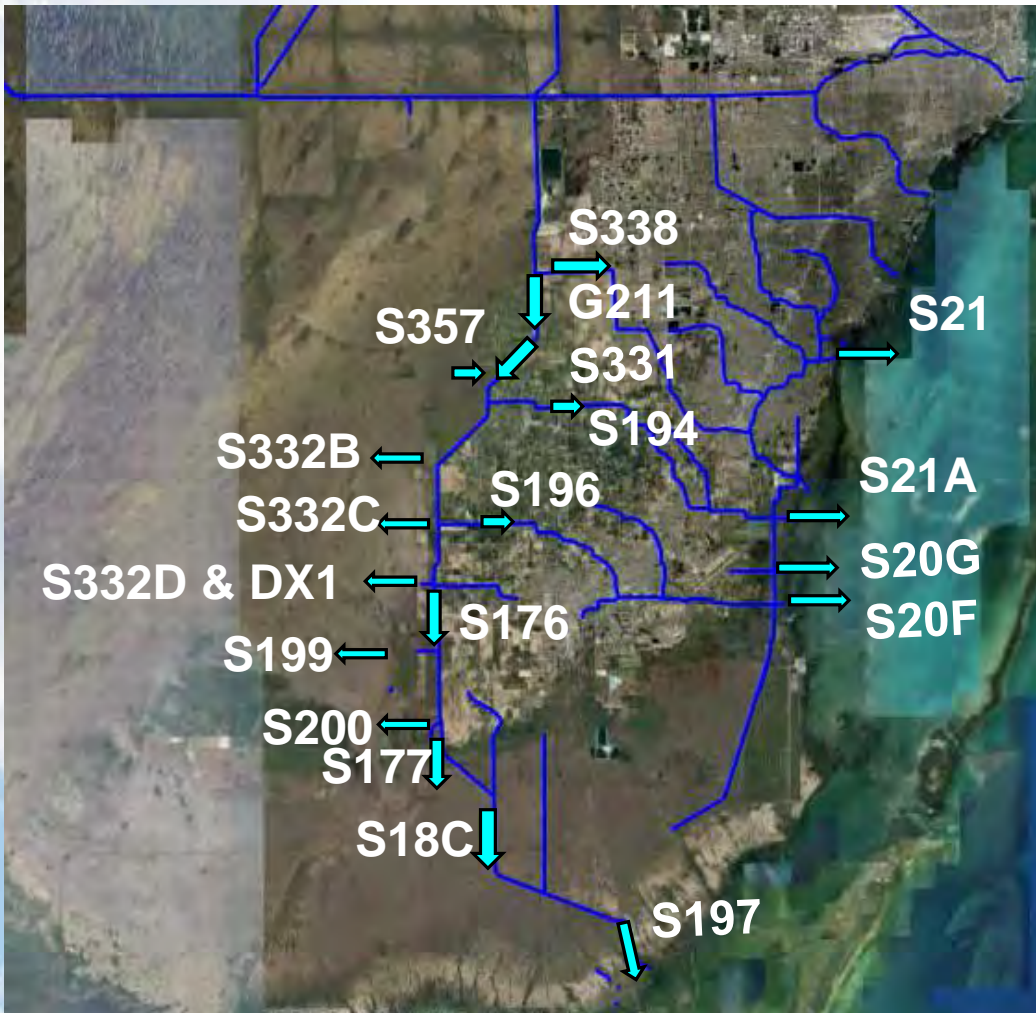


# High Water Stages in Water Conservation Area 3A



- Water Conservation Area 3A releases through the L-30 canal (S-337, S-335)
- Raise L-29 stage limit from 7.5 to 8.5 feet
- Higher flows through S-333 into L-29
- Increase flows to Northeast Shark River Slough
- Use S-334 to moderate L-29
- Temporary pumps at S-355B
- District requested and was approved by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for deviation to increase discharge through the L-28 at S-344

# Flood Protection in South Dade Conveyance System



- Canals maintained at lower stages
- Flow diversions to the coast through canals such as C-1, C-102 and C-103 have been reduced
- Pumping towards Everglades National Park and the headwaters of Taylor Slough using the S-332s and S-199
- S-197 has been operated as necessary to provide additional flow getaway capacity







# S-355B Temporary Pumps





# Las Palmas

Sustained pumping at S-357 resulted in higher but acceptable stages in the detention area

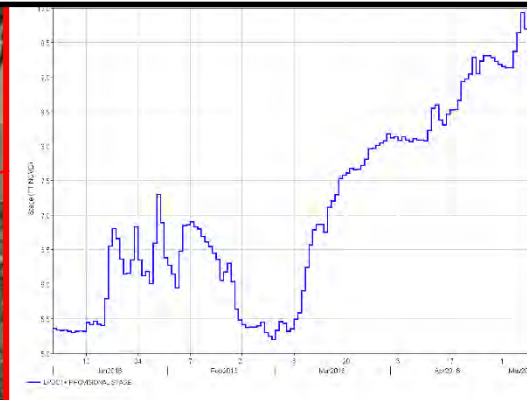
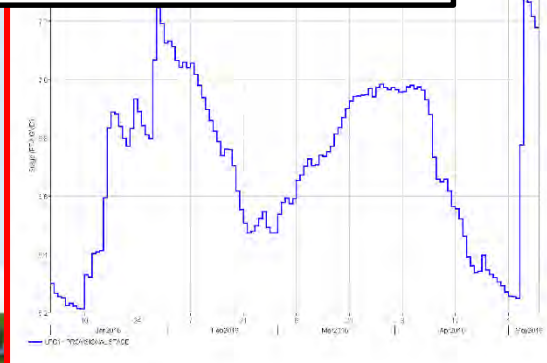
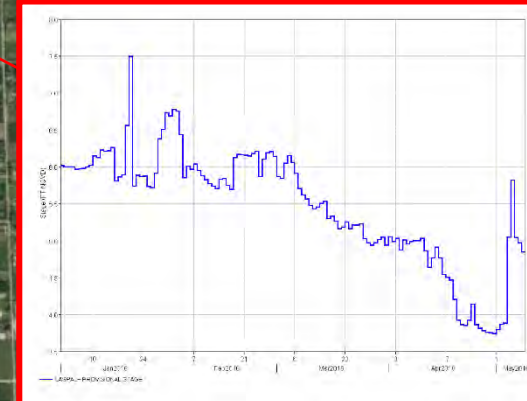
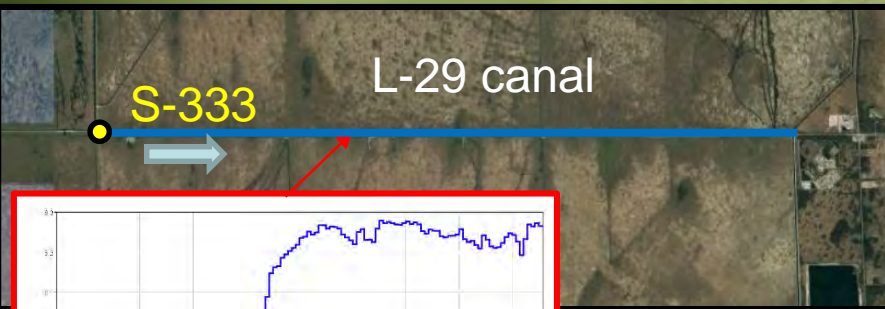
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# LPG1

S-357

# LPDC1





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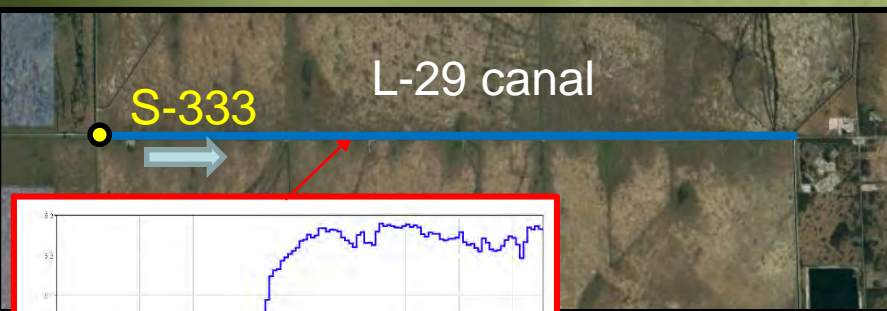


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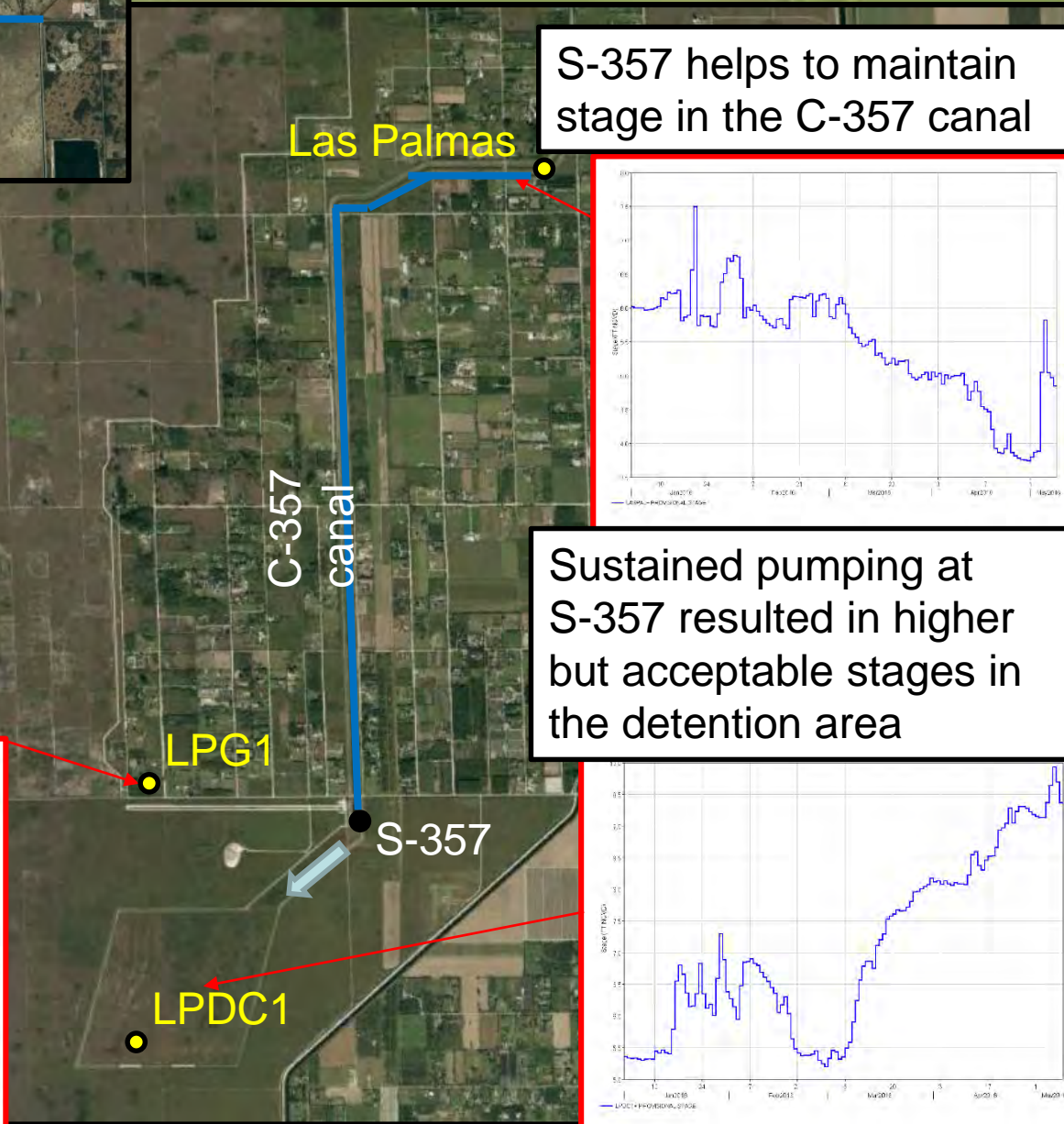
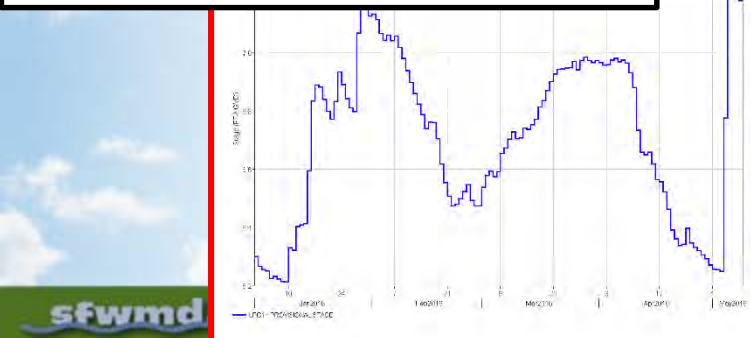


# Water Levels

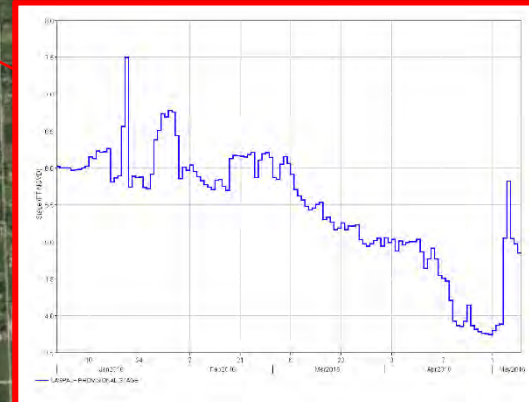


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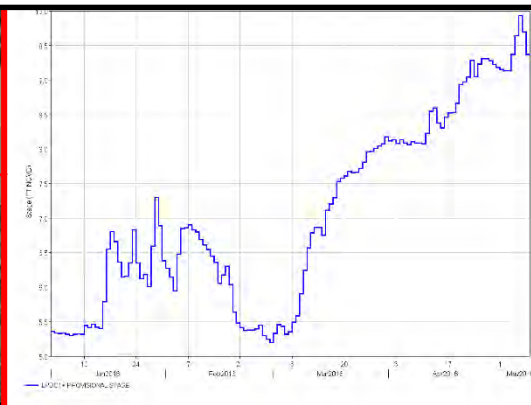
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S-357 helps to maintain stage in the C-357 canal

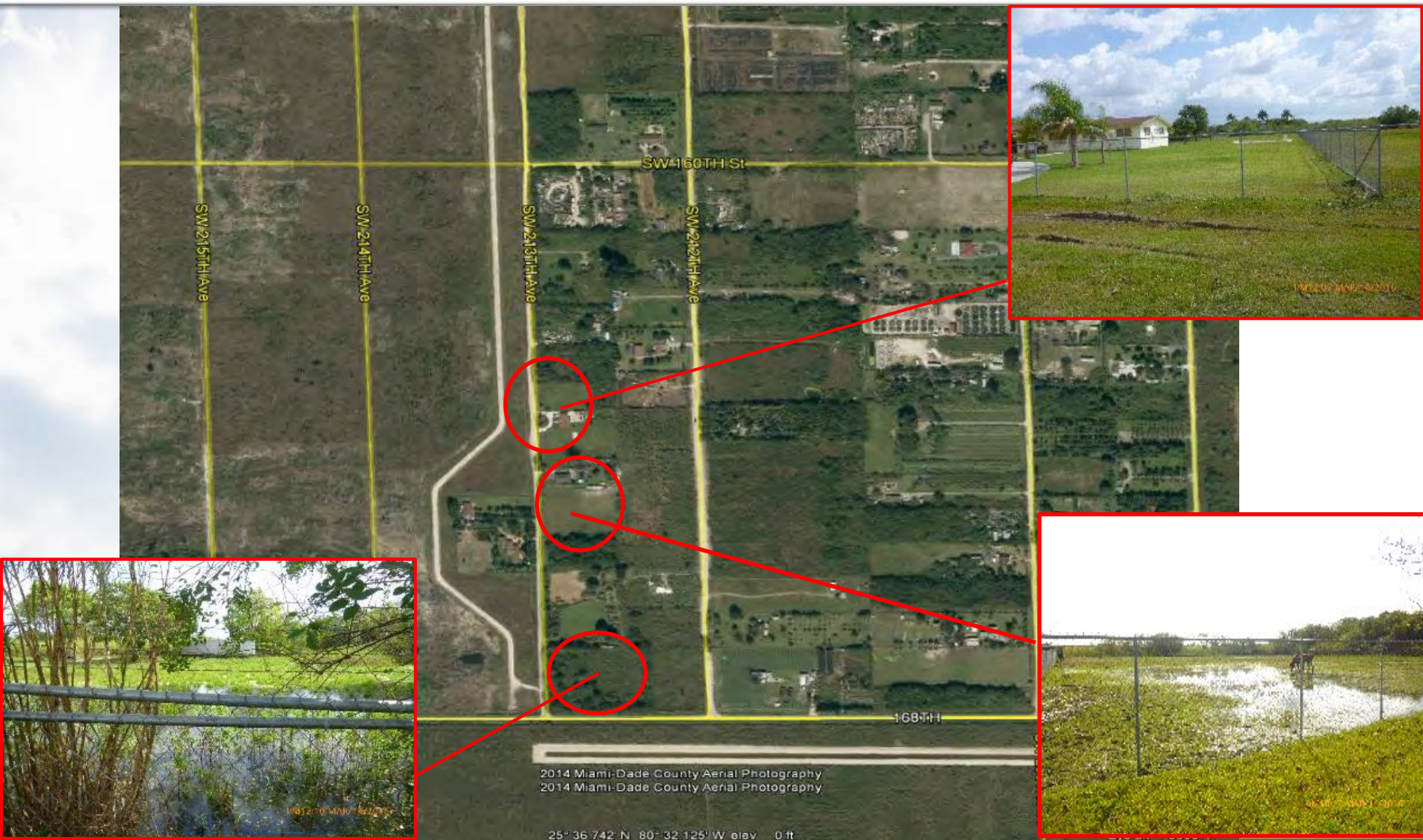


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# Water Conditions in 8.5 Square Mile Area





# S-357N Temporary Mitigations in Place

Ditch Plugs

C-357 Canal

First solution: 2 temporary pumps

Removed Plug

Richmond Drive Seepage Canal C-358

Tie Back Berm

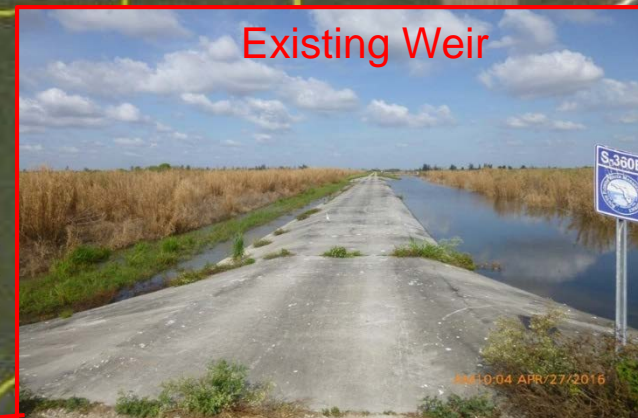
Improved solution:  
Temp canal connecting  
C-357 and C-358



# Culverts at 8.5 Square Mile Detention Area



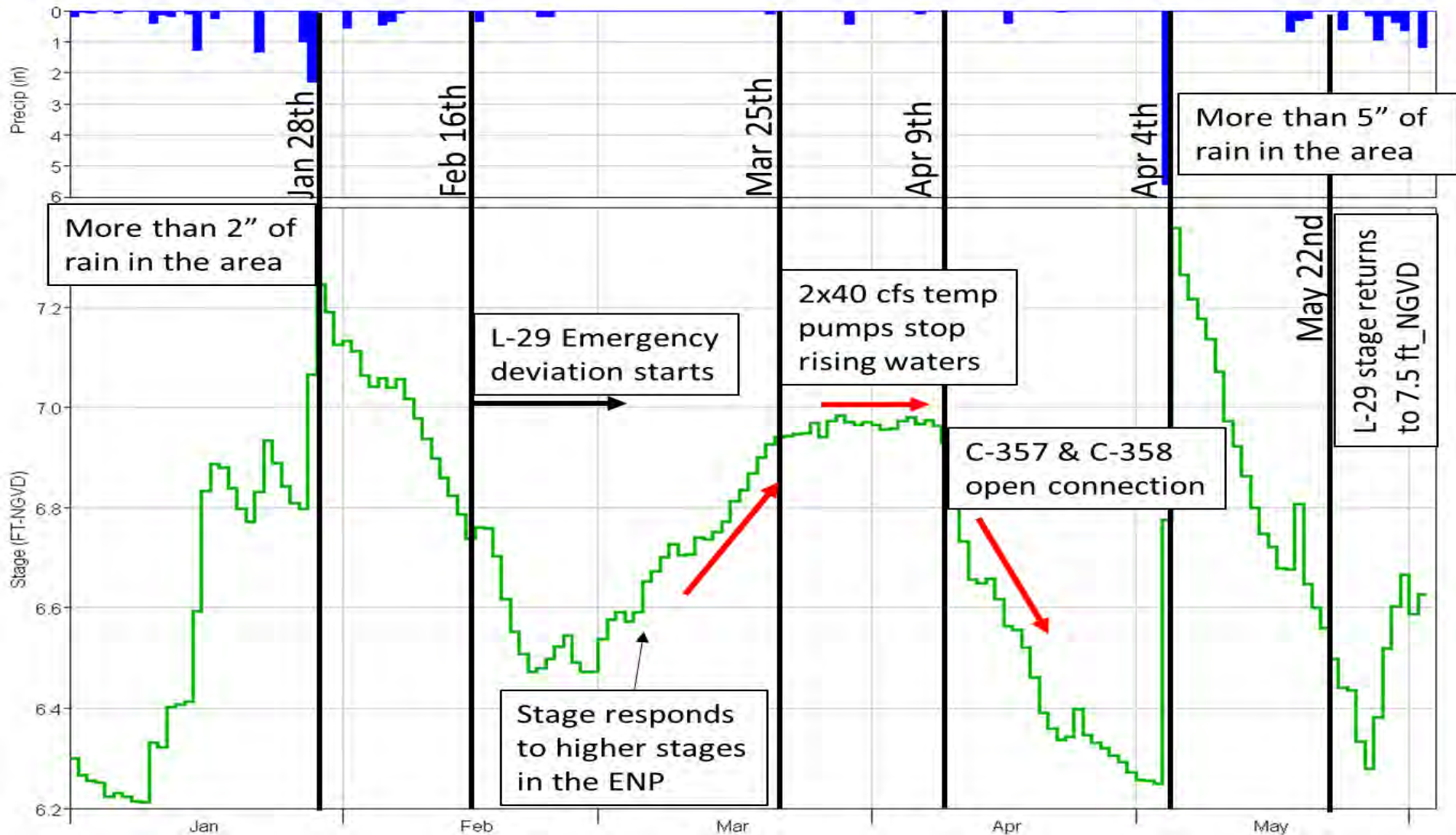
Three 36-inch Corrugated metal pipes with raisers



Existing Weir



# 8.5 Square Mile Area Groundwater Condition Along Richmond Drive





# **B) WATER QUALITY & AFTER-ACTION REPORT**

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**Water Resources**

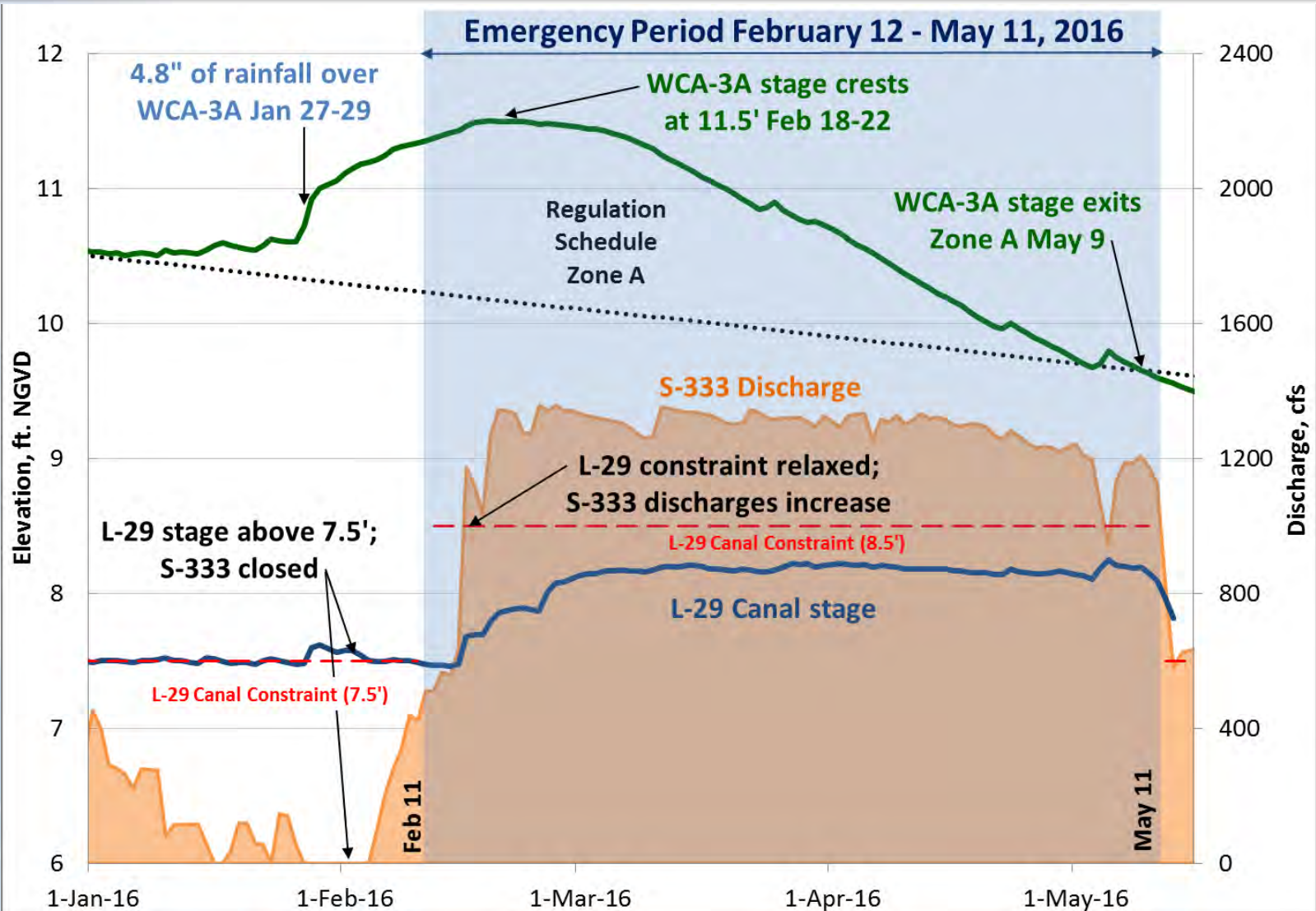


# Water Conservation Areas High Water Emergency After-Action Report

- Required by FDEP Emergency Order
- SFWMD to submit by July 11, 2016
- Content to include:
  - Hydrologic summary prior to Emergency Operations
  - Details of Emergency Operation activities
    - Deployment of temporary pumps
    - Construction of temporary features
    - Mitigation for higher downstream water levels
  - Response to Emergency Operations
    - Hydrology (flows, water levels; comparison with previous years)
    - Water quality (total phosphorus concentrations and loads; comparison with previous years)
  - C-111 Seepage Monitoring
  - Caloosahatchee, St. Lucie and Florida Bay flows and salinities



# Water Conservation Area 3A Water Level and S-333 Discharge: Jan. 1 – May 31, 2016





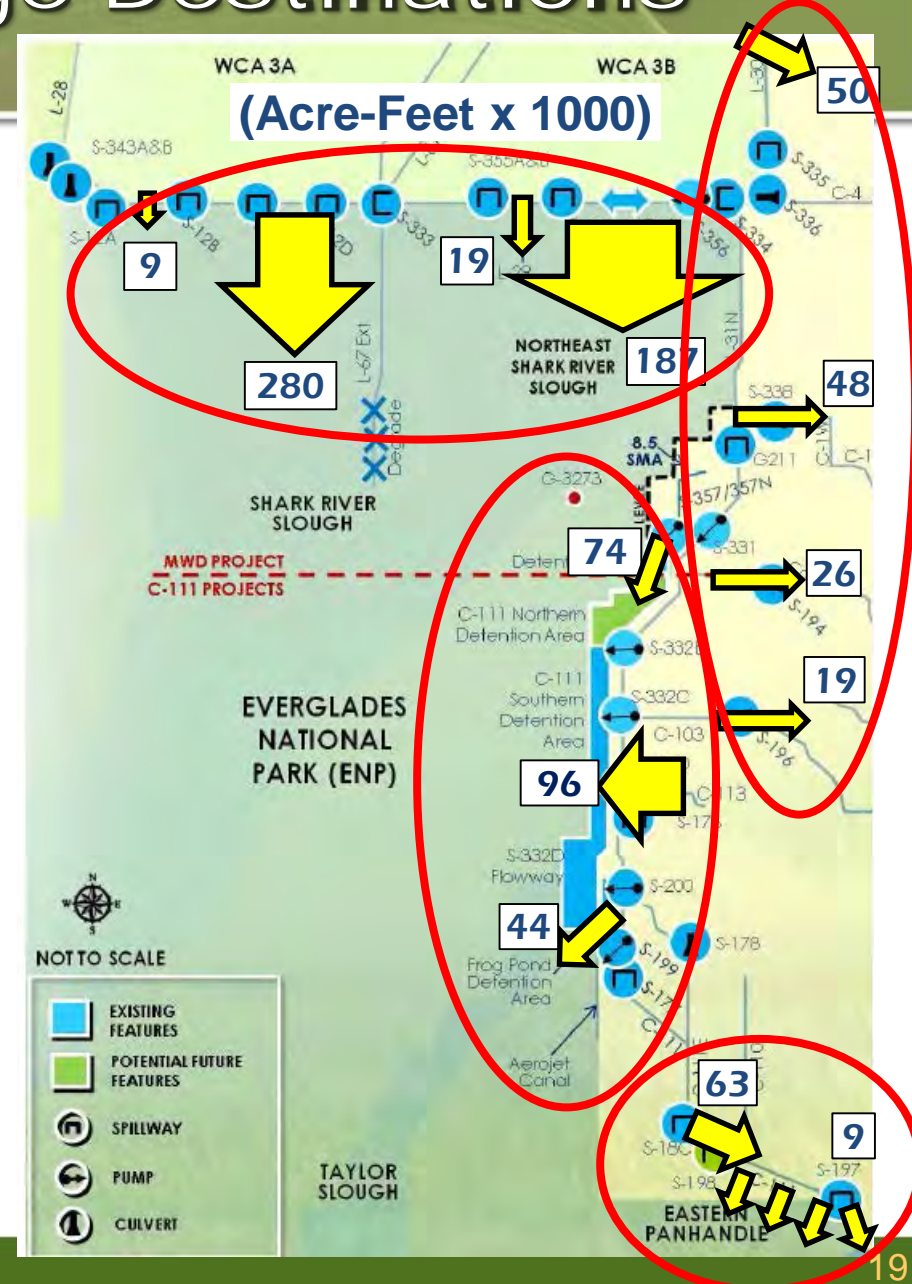
# WCA-3A/3B Discharge Destinations

Feb. 12 – May 11, 2016

Preliminary flow estimates to:

- East Coast Basins: 143,000 Acre-feet
- Everglades National Park:
  - Shark River Slough: 495,000 Acre-feet
  - Detention Areas / Hydraulic Ridge and Taylor Slough: 214,000 Acre-feet
  - S-18C (toward Eastern Panhandle and Barnes Sound): 63,000 Acre-feet
- Barnes Sound (S-197): 9,000 Acre-feet

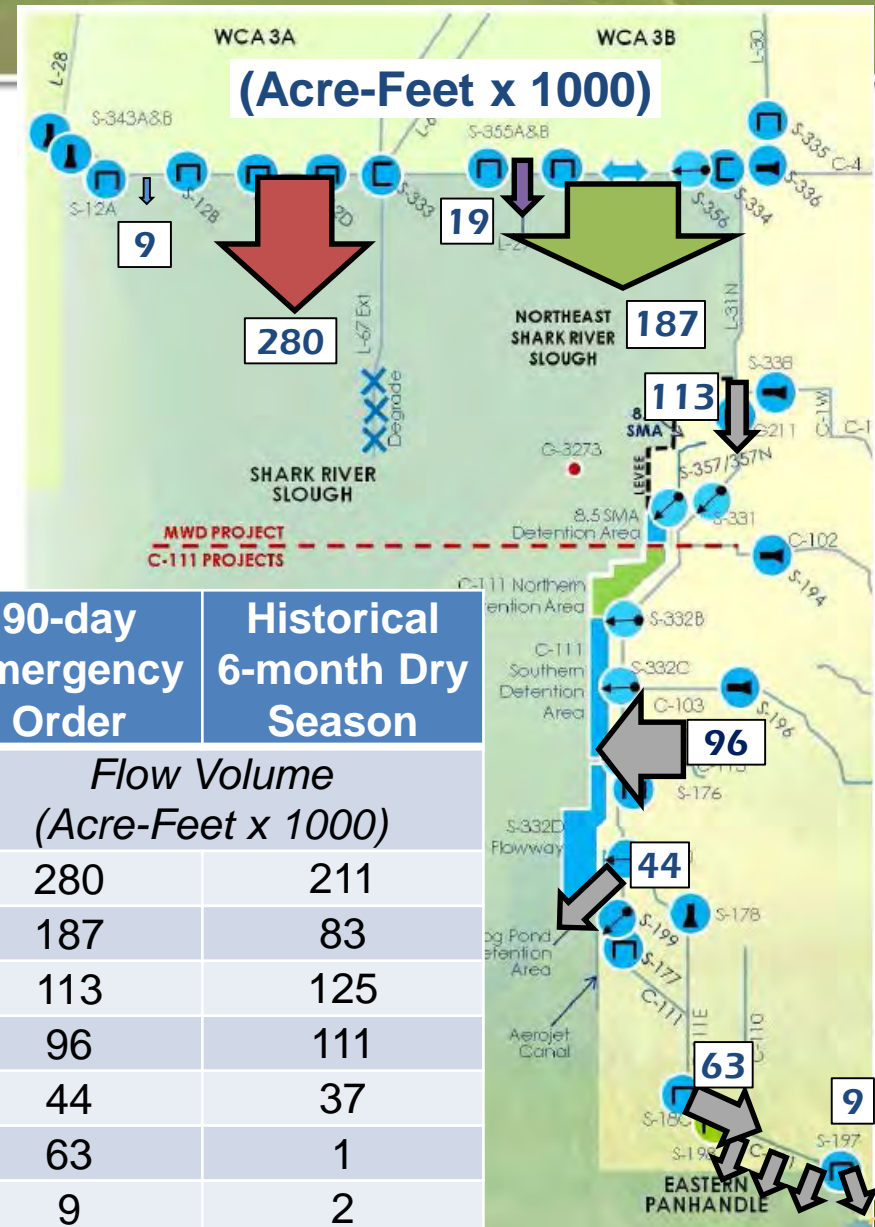
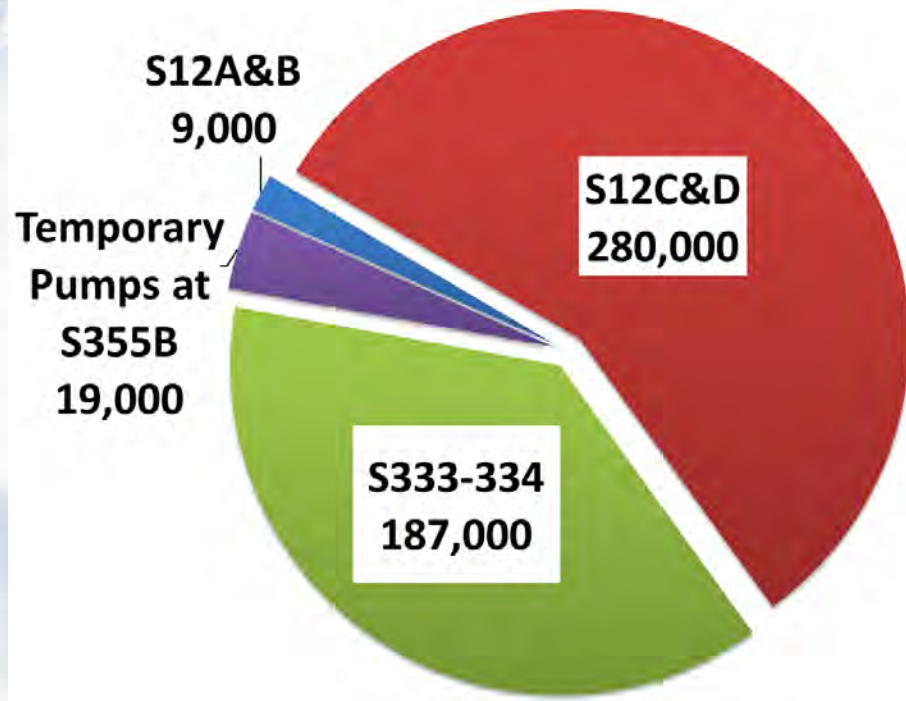
*Volumes include seepage return pumping  
Includes provisional flow data*





# WCA-3A/3B Discharge South Comparisons

Feb. 12 – May 11, 2016

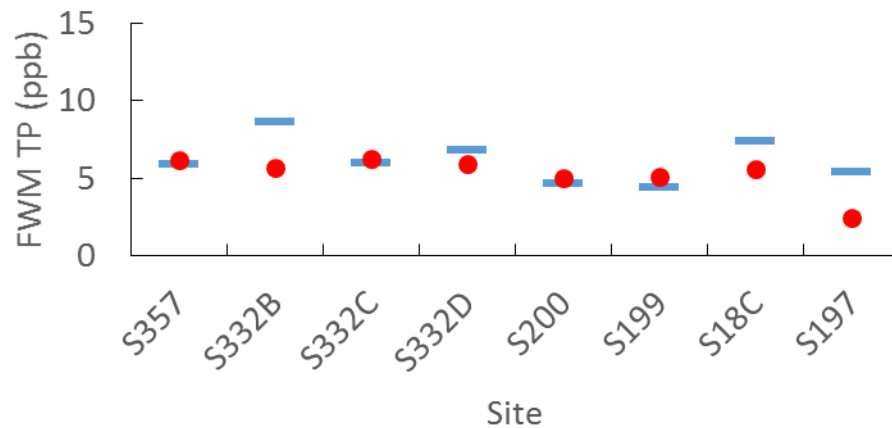
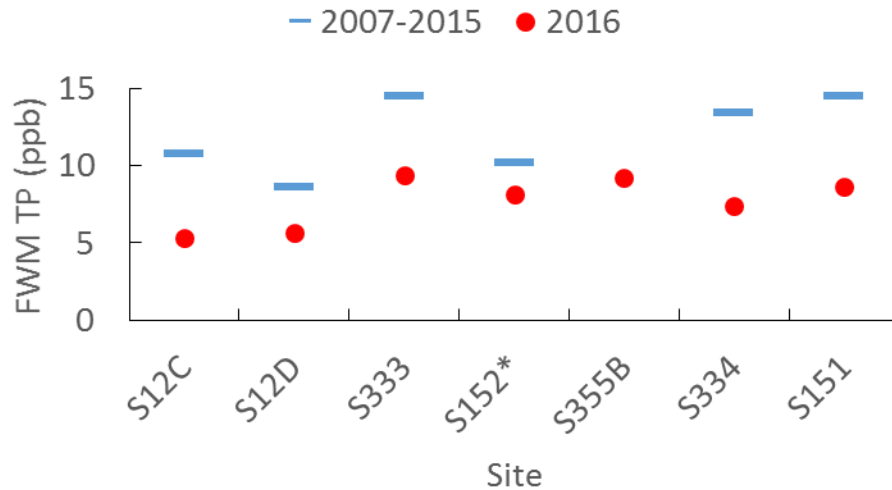


Structure	90-day Emergency Order	Historical 6-month Dry Season
	Flow Volume (Acre-Feet x 1000)	
S12C+S12D	280	211
S333-S334	187	83
G211	113	125
S332B, C, D	96	111
S199+S200	44	37
S18C	63	1
S197	9	2

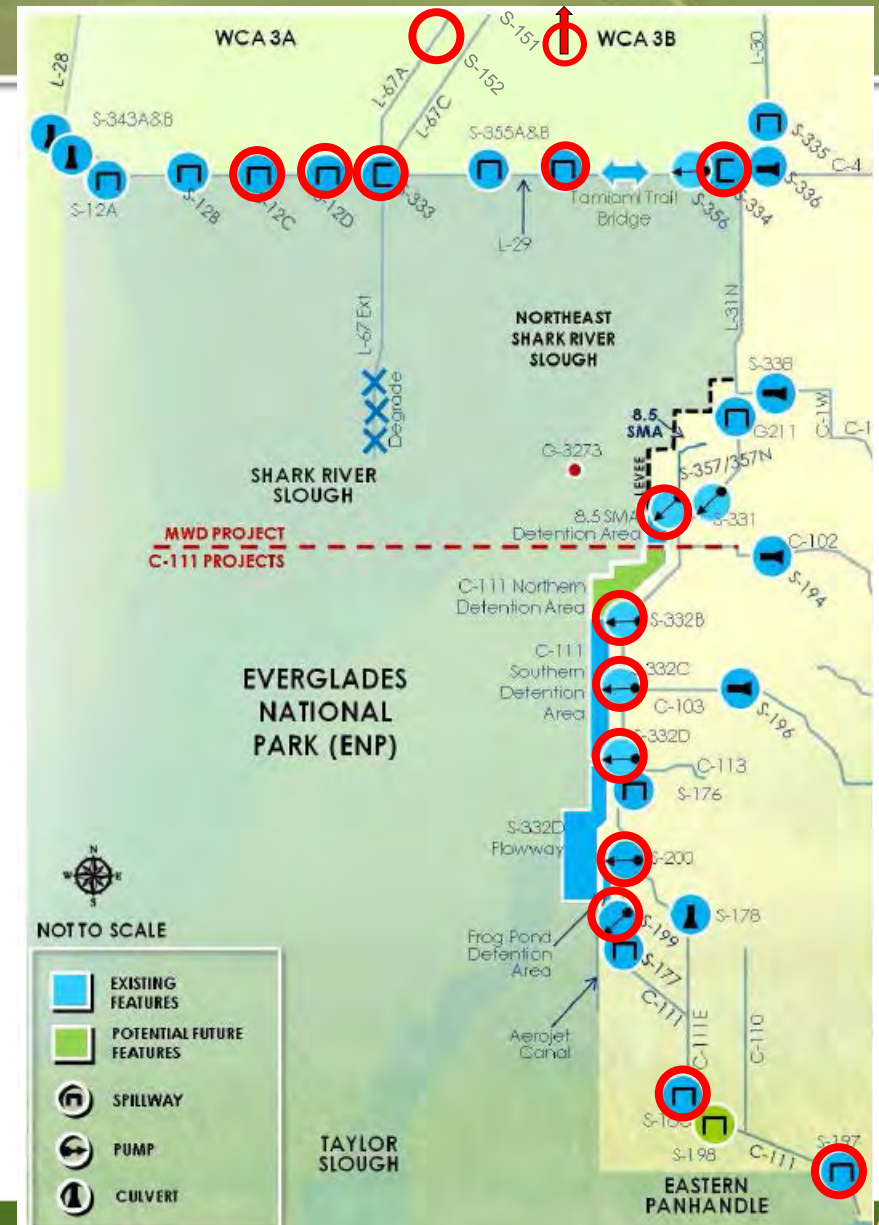


# Total Phosphorus Concentration Comparison

## February – May Periods

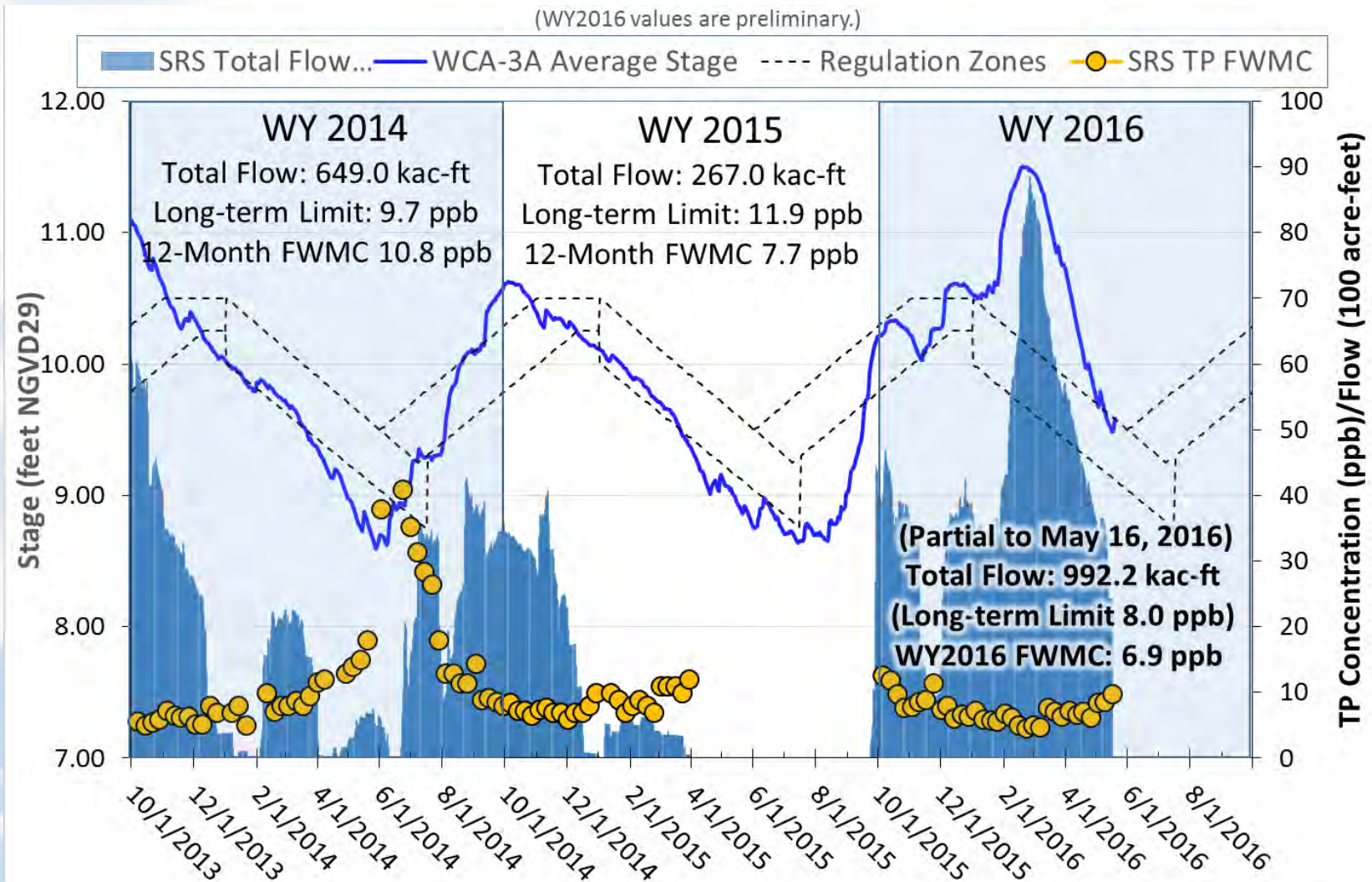


\*S152 TP is Geometric Mean (no flow data)



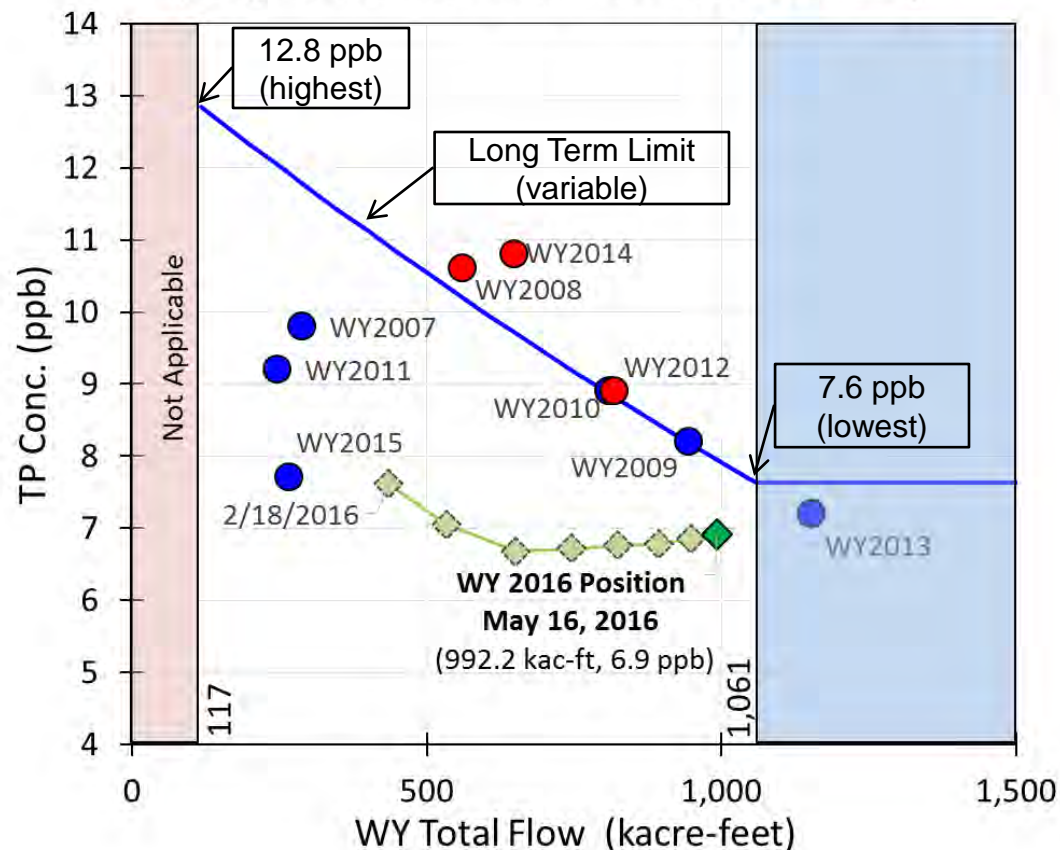


# Water Level, Flow & Total Phosphorus Trends Shark River Slough Water Years 2014 – 2016



# Shark River Slough Total Phosphorus Limit Equation

Relationship between the Shark River Slough Water Year  
Total Flow and TP Flow-Weighted Mean Concentration  
(Long-term Limit Period : WY 2007 - Current)



- Consent Decree compliance for Shark River Slough based on annual flow-weighted mean total phosphorus concentration
- Variable total phosphorus limit decreases as flow increases into Shark River Slough
- Lowest limit is 7.6 parts per billion for total annual flows >1,061 thousand acre-feet (likely for Water Year 2016)
- Federal Water Year 2016 ends Sept. 30, 2016 (four months remain in compliance period)

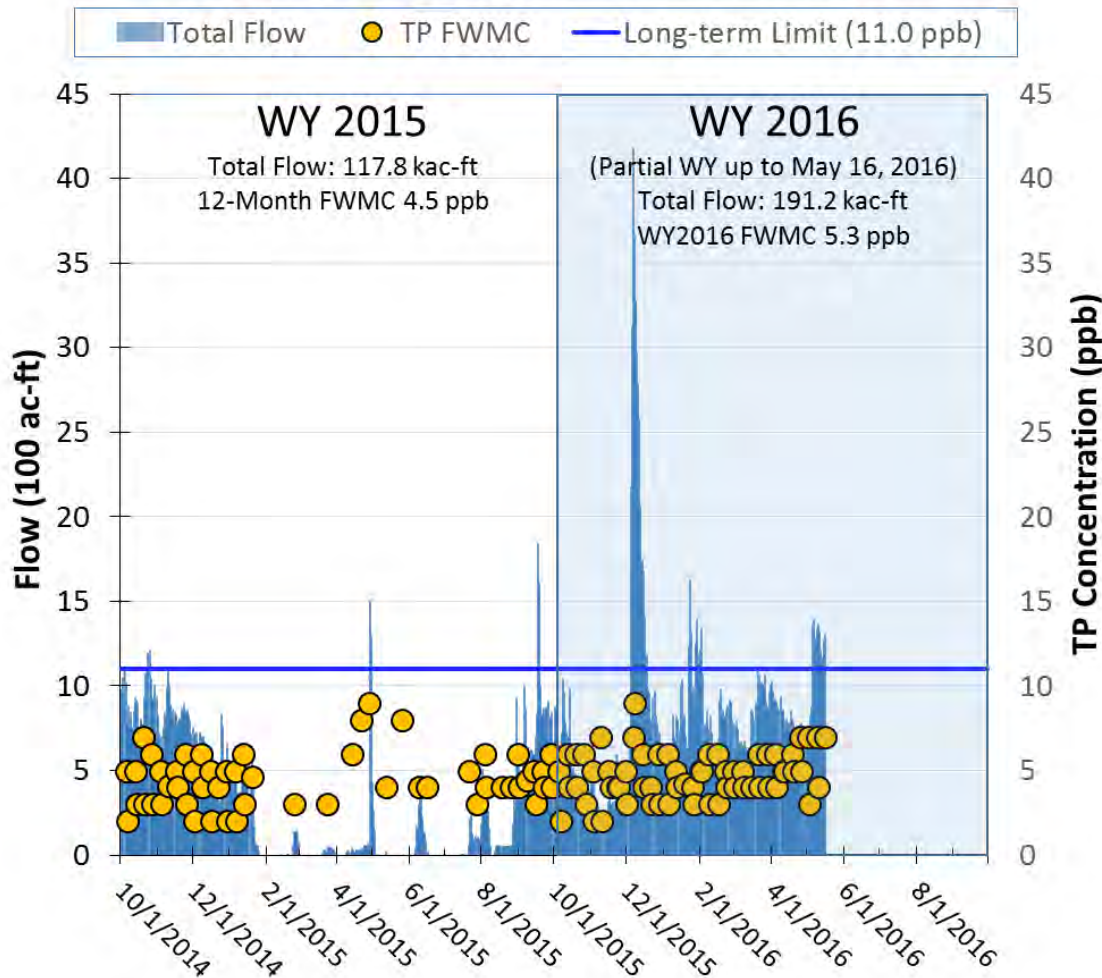
Provisional data included – Subject to change  
 1 ppb = 1 µg/L = 0.001 mg/L  
 kacre-feet = Acre-Feet x 1000



# Taylor Slough/Coastal Basins

## Flow and TP Trends WY2015 – WY2016

Flow and TP Flow-weighted Mean Concentration to Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins



- Consent Decree compliance for Taylor Slough and Coastal Basins based on annual flow-weighted mean TP concentration
- The TP limit fixed at 11 ppb
- TP concentrations appear to be on trajectory for 5 - 6 ppb
- Federal WY2016 ends September 30, 2016 (four months remain in compliance period)

WY2016 Provisional data included – Subject to change  
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 ac-ft = acre-feet, 1 kac-ft = 1,000 ac-ft

# High Water Emergency After-Action Report Summary

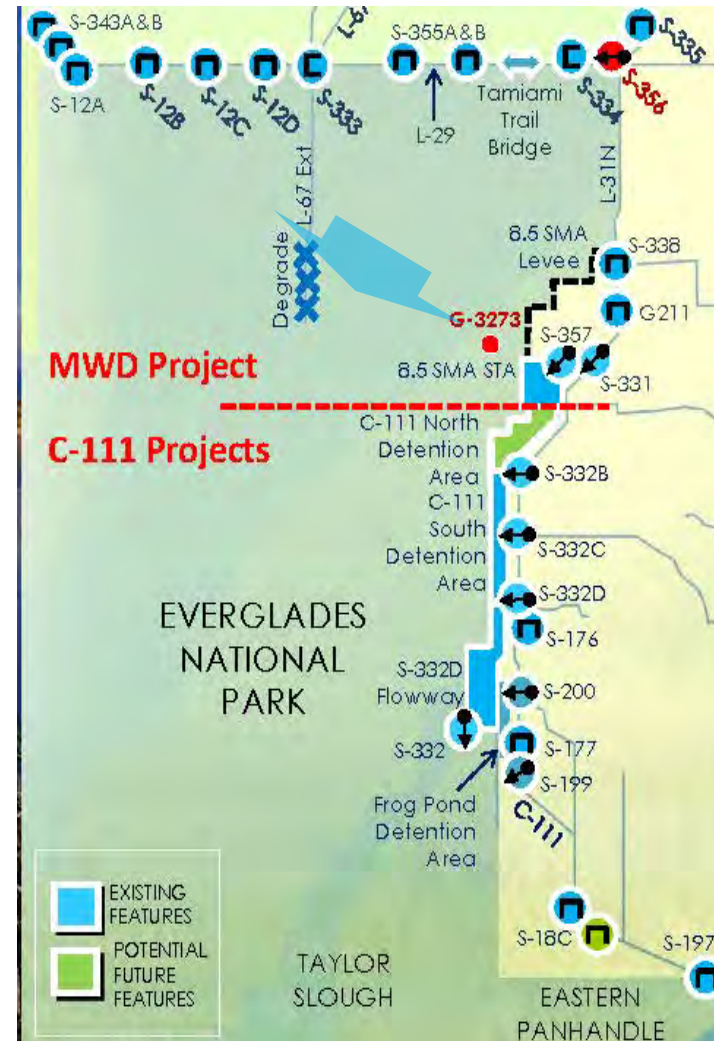
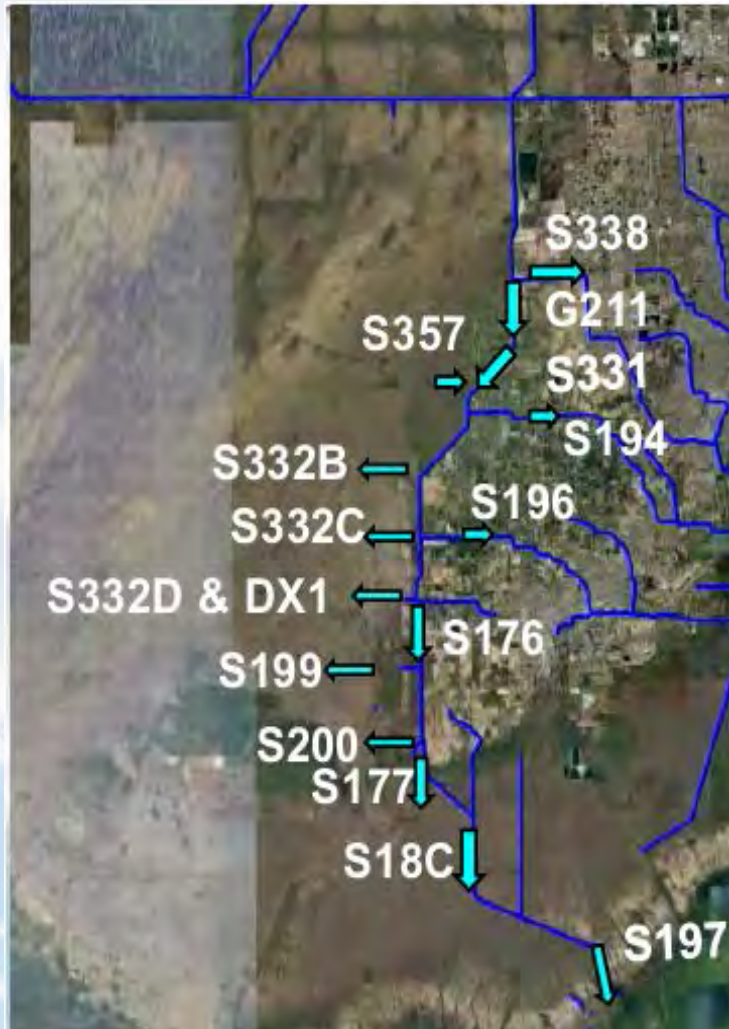
- Agency coordination throughout High Water Emergency Order period
- All Water Conservation Area stages significantly lowered
- Increased fresh water to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay
- Temporary and longer-term actions taken to mitigate for high water levels downstream
- SFWMD to submit After-Action Report to Florida Department of Environmental Protection by July 11, 2016



# **C) SOUTH DADE STUDY**

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# South Dade





# South Dade Study Update

- In February 2016, SFWMD Governing Board instructed staff to implement components identified in the South Dade study.
- This presentation will provide an update on progress made towards near-term, mid-term and longer-term recommendations based on the complexity and regulatory requirements for implementation.



Taylor Slough, Everglades National Park

# Near-Term Operational and Structural Recommendations

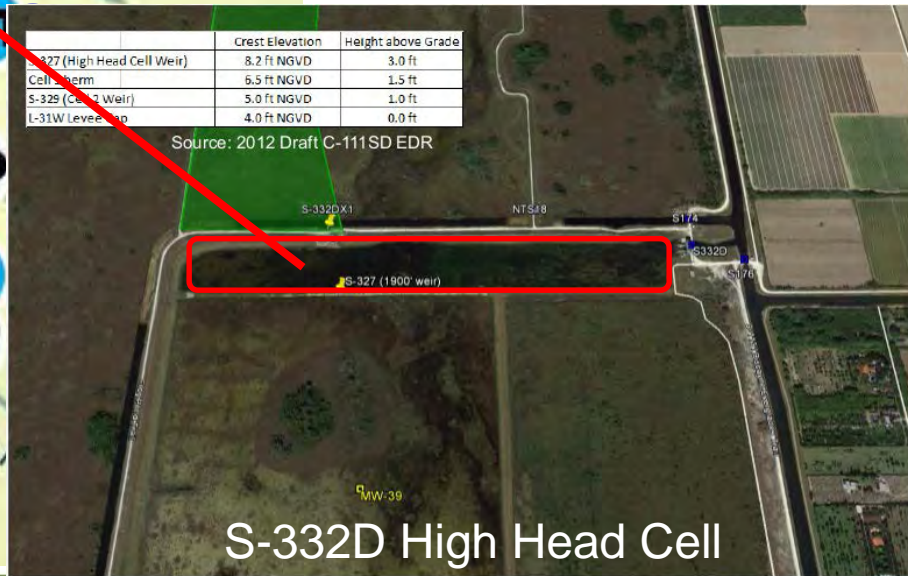
- ✓ Implemented operating guidance within existing water control plan authority
  - Operate the S-332B, S-332C, S-332D, S-199 and S-200 pumps at the lower end of their current operating range
  - Operate the water control structures S-176 and S-177 based on rainfall event criteria
- ✓ Seasonal and lower operating ranges at S-199 and S-200 pump stations
- ✓ Seasonal and lower operating ranges at S-332 pump stations, S-176 and S-177 structures
- ✓ Modify high head cell at S-332D





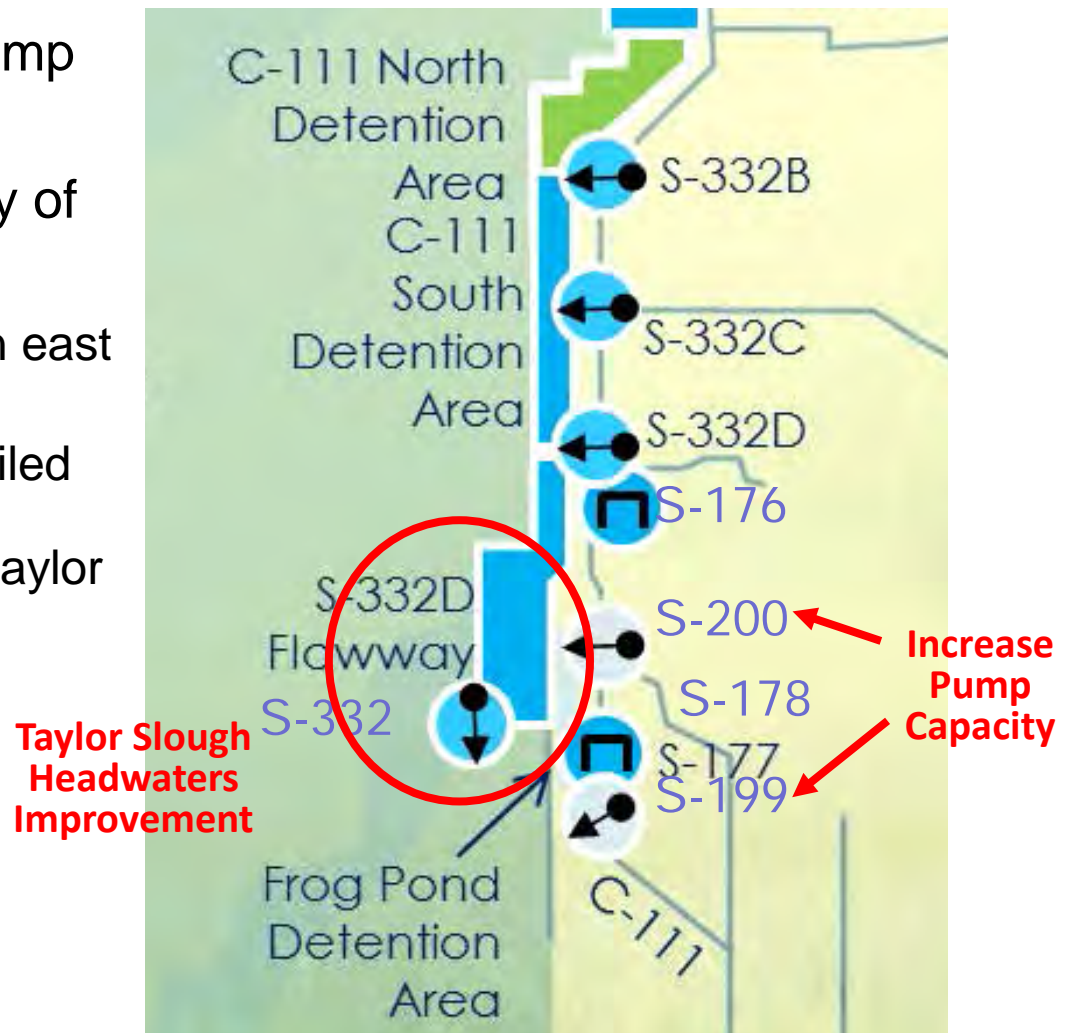
# Modify S-332D High Head Cell Weir

Location of Weir



# Mid-Term Structural Recommendations

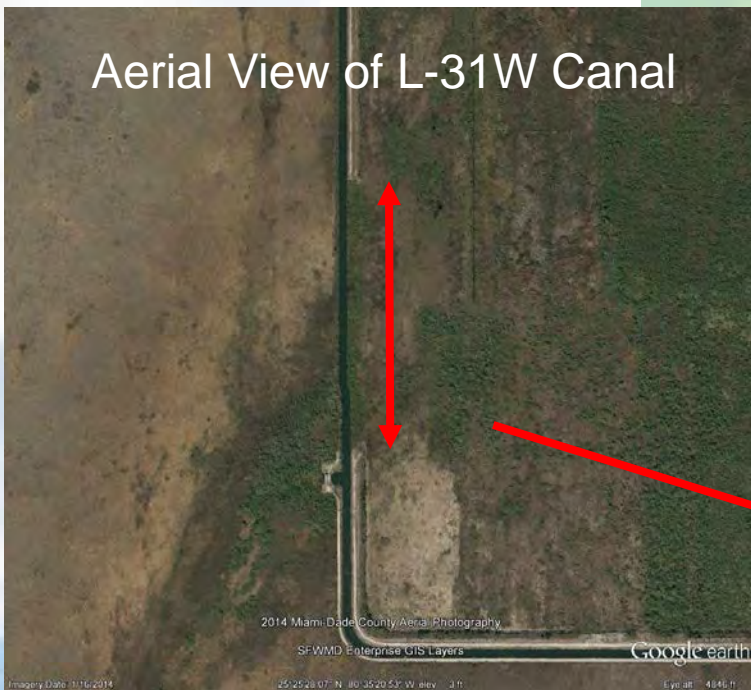
- ✓ Increase S-199 and S-200 pump capacity
- Modify infrastructure in vicinity of Taylor Slough Headwaters
  - ✓ Rebuild weir north of S-332 on east side of canal
  - ✓ Staff has initiated a more detailed assessment of the hydraulic conveyance in the vicinity of Taylor Slough headwaters





# Rebuild Weir Along L-31W Canal

Aerial View of L-31W Canal



# Construction of C-111 South Dade Project

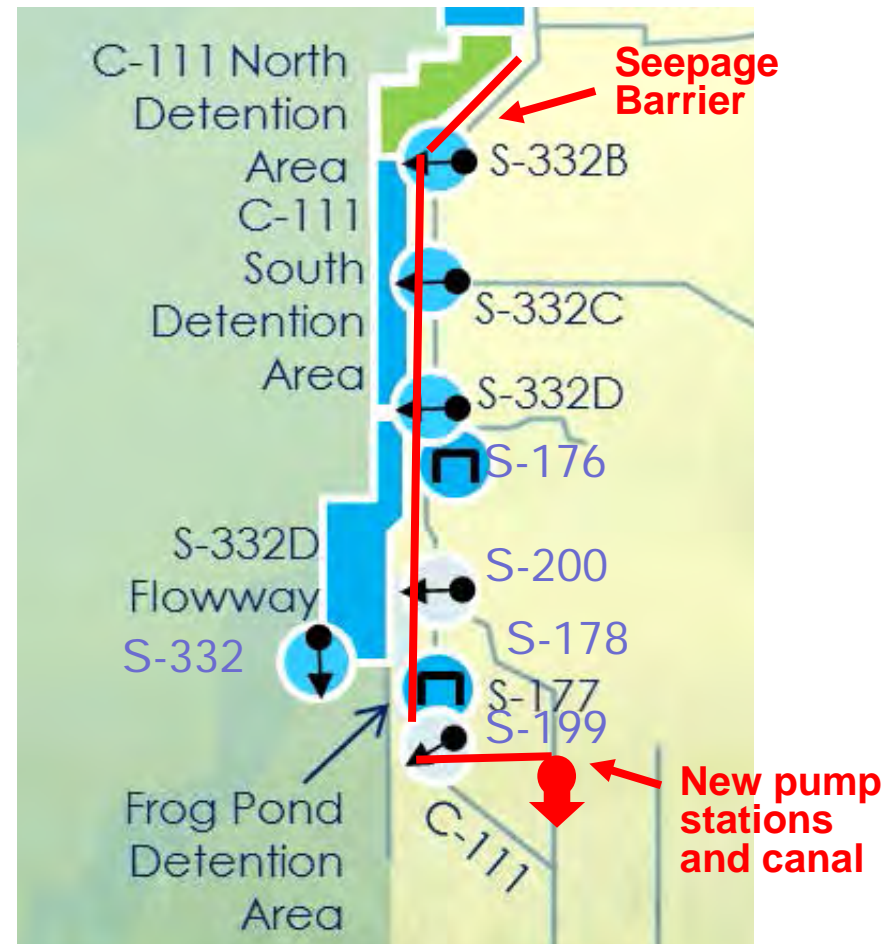
- Contract 8 construction by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contractor is underway
- Contract 8A is expected to be awarded by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in September 2016; Contract 9 to follow
- Once complete, the newly constructed flowways within the detention areas will move water more effectively





# Longer-Term Structural Recommendations

- Seepage collection canal and pump stations near S-178
- Seepage barrier – up to 15 miles in length
- Both projects will require additional planning, permitting and design





# Questions?